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## ELBERFELD SEES MATTY AND CHIEF MEYERS ACT

Thinks Big Has a Good Show--Kid's Young Son Not So Impressed--Other Sporting Gossip.

By WILLIAM PEET.  
Kid Elberfeld, the Nationals' great little infielder, Scout Mike Kahoe, together with Royal Rooters Bill Neumeyer, Jack Humphrey, and the writer, dropped into Chase's yesterday afternoon to see Christy Mathewson and Chief Meyers act in their sketch called "Curves."

As soon as Matty heard that Elberfeld was in the house he insisted on having the Kid call upon him behind the scenes. Elberfeld and Matty are old-time friends and their greeting was more than cordial.

"What you got to-day, Matty?" asked the Kid.

"Same old fade-away ball, and, say, I'm getting away with it great in this vaudeville house."

"Soft for you fellows," replied Elberfeld, "but I don't blame you a bit--as for me, give me the quiet life in the country down on the dear old farm. I am satisfied to quit baseball when the curtain drops in October."

After a few more exchanges of pleasantries Elberfeld returned to his seat and waited for the act to come off.

With the veteran third sacker was his young son, Jack Elberfeld, and the little fellow's eyes glistened when the curtain arose and Mathewson, with Chief Meyers and May Tully, appeared. The ball players were in uniform and soon started to "warm up."

"Say, father, is that all the speed Mathewson's got?" inquired the young son of the house of Elberfeld. The only answer he got was: "Keep quiet, son, and watch the show."

"Huh!" commented the youngster; "if that's all he's got, you could hit him all over the lot, couldn't you?"

This latter remark got a rise out of Mike Kahoe, who laughed heartily.

After the sketch it was the consensus of opinion that Matty and Meyers had easily given the people their money's worth. The entire act is check full of baseball and Bozeman Bulger, the baseball writer of the New York World, the author, has handed out some mighty clever lines.

Miss May Tully seems to be in the right place. Her work adds just the necessary finish to the piece, and her impersonations of Ethel Barrymore, Harry Lauder, and others are great.

An amusing incident happened yesterday morning when Matty and Chief Meyers were looking over the Capital. After taking in a couple of galleries and other places where oil paintings were on exhibition, a friend asked Chief Meyers what were his favorite paintings.

After mentioning several "old masters," he confessed to a liking for "Cluster's Last Stand." Somewhat surprised, his questioner asked him what he saw in that painting.

"Well," replied the chief, "that is the only picture I ever saw where the Indian was getting an even break."

Last night Mathewson and Meyers were guests of the National Press Club, and Matty responded with a modest little speech.

Bozeman Bulger, who is responsible for the sketch, dropped into town yesterday to see how things were getting along.

During a fanning bee Mathewson paid Walter Johnson a fine compliment, proclaiming him one of the best pitchers he ever saw. He was also strong for Arthur Devlin, the Nationals' third baseman, formerly a Georgetown star. Matty says Devlin is easily the leading third baseman of the National League.

Ban Johnson is in favor of a 154-game schedule. So are we, divided as follows: Wash. Post, 154; Wash. Times, 154; Wash. Herald, 154.

"How'll you score these: Wuff, Westert, Koeger, and Onslow are the names of four youngsters signed by Detroit."

"I never was superstitious of anything on the diamond until 1907," says Bill Bradley, greatest of third basemen in his day. "We were playing in Detroit one day, when Kid Gleason came over to the bench, carrying the handsome bat I had ever seen."

"How would you like to have that stick?" he asked.

"Great!" I answered, standing up and swinging the bat as if I was making a home run. "What will you take for it?"

"It's yours if you'll take it," said Gleason.

"Take it? Why not?" I asked.

"Break that bat's cursed," said Gleason.

"A curse on a bat?"

"Yes, sir. I can't make a hit with it. Nobody can. It's got a curse."

"I laughed, and when it was my turn at bat I used the stick. I sent the ball way out by the clubhouse, but Jimmy Barrett got it. The next time I drove a liner to 'Dick Harley.' The third time I hit straight to Gleason. It was the same every time I used that bat. I hit the ball

## BOSTON CLUB TO BE SOLD AGAIN

Syndicate of Hub Men Will Be in Control.

HARRIS WILL SELL FOR \$130,000

National League Team to Be Owned and Controlled for First Time Since Famous Truismvate by Boston People--Gains Likely to Be Played on Red Sox's Grounds.

New York, Dec. 8.--If \$130,000 can be raised between now and some time Saturday afternoon the Boston National League club will change ownership. This is the price asked by John P. Harris, of Pittsburgh, for the amount of his holdings, which, it is said, include 99 per cent of the capital stock. The deal had reached such a stage to-day that it seemed to be no doubt that it would be successfully completed before the first of next week and that the new owners, a syndicate of Boston men headed by William Heppburn Russell, at present a minority stockholder, would be permitted to take possession of the club at the meeting on Tuesday at the Hotel Breslin.

William Heppburn Russell is a lawyer with offices in this city and Boston. He was asked to-day to give some particulars of the deal now pending, but he declared that he had promised to say nothing for publication just yet. He admitted that he held more than 100 shares of stock in the Boston club and had been elected a director, but he refused to discuss the proposed sale of the club to a Boston syndicate.

It was learned from other sources that Mr. Russell is after the Boston club and is slated to become the new president, in which event every attempt will be made to provide a winning team regardless of expense.

The club will be owned and controlled in Boston for the first time since the famous triumvirate, Soden, Billings, and Comant, sold out to the Doves, who admitted they were helped financially by friends of Barney Dreyfuss, including John P. Harris, John Moren, Pittsburgh's director of public safety, and John K. Tener, governor-elect of Pennsylvania.

Contrary to general belief, it was learned to-day that the Boston club owns the old South End grounds, but that A. H. Soden and others hold a mortgage of \$300,000 on the property for four years at 4 per cent.

The Boston club was offered to a well-known Tammany politician more than a year ago for \$250,000. Harris making the proposition, but a prompt refusal was the outcome. Harris and his associates are now ready to sell for \$130,000.

If the club is sold, it is understood that a deal will be made with John L. Taylor, president of the Boston American League club, by which the former Doves will play in future at the new Red Sox stadium.

Although Fred Lake has signed a contract to manage the Boston Nationals another year, it is said that Mr. Russell and his friends may decide to place the team in charge of the veteran Fred Tenney, whose stock in the club was recently purchased by Mr. Russell.

ATHLETIC LEAGUE OFFICERS.

Membership Rapidly Increasing in All Divisions of Organizations.

The membership in the Public Schools Athletic League is rapidly increasing. The following officers have been elected to represent their schools in the division leagues:

Military Road School--President, Henry H. Clark; vice president, A. Hill; secretary, William H. Riggs; assistant secretary, John S. Harris; treasurer, Miss H. P. Morris; assistant treasurer, M. D. Lewis.

James School--President, Milton Martin; vice president, James Jackson; treasurer, Miss H. C. Collier; assistant treasurer, James Martin.

Ivy City School--President, Russell H. Stewart; vice president, Oliver Mallory; secretary, Benjamin F. Hall; treasurer, A. P. Brent; teacher of second grade, assistant treasurer, Miss B. G. Reed.

Ambush School--President, George E. Moore; vice president, Clarence J. Miner; secretary, William Harris; assistant secretary, G. William Peterson; treasurer, Percy Washington; assistant treasurer, M. S. Matthews.

Almendares Unable to Hit Coombs, Score 2 to 1.

Havana, Dec. 8.--The Philadelphia-Almendares game to-day resulted in a victory for the visitors by the score of 2 to 1. Batteries--Philadelphia, Coombs and Lapp; Almendares, Pedrosa and Gonzales.

Motto of the six-day cyclist: Grind and the world grinds with you.

MAKING A HIT AT CHASE'S.

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COMMITTEE NAMED

Bowlers Elect League Presidents to Office.

ENTRIES CLOSE JANUARY 18

Fred Falkenberg Stars in Ohio State Championship Matches Held at Cleveland--Alec Dunbar and Lee Johns Having Battle Royal in New York--Other Bowling Gossip.

By "LEN" COLLINS.

The second annual meeting of the Washington City Bowling Association was held at the Palace Bowling Alleys last night, and the only matter of interest to local bowlers taken up was the appointment of a tournament committee by President Chase. This committee is composed of all the presidents of the different leagues and should prove to be one of the best steps taken by the city association officials toward swinging the men into line. Heretofore it has always been the policy of the executive committee to appoint its tournament committee mainly from the ranks of those who have volunteered their services.

While their efforts were met with a certain degree of success, it nevertheless remains a fact that they could not hope to accomplish as much as a president of a league, who is constantly in touch with the men of his league. The executive committee has set the 18th as the day for closing the entries, and bowlers who have intentions of entering the different events should get themselves together and send in their applications for membership in the city association at the earliest possible date so as to expedite the work of the tournament committee as much as possible.

The Ohio State Bowling championships which were held on the Erie alleys in Cleveland, came to a close last night and the scores show that some very high class bowling was indulged in. Our old friend, Fred Falkenberg, turned off 221, 227, and 211, a total of 659, bowling with the Sands Diamonds, Cleveland's classiest quints.

Alec Dunbar and Lee Johns are having a battle royal for first place in the Greater New York individual championship. Both men are tied with a record of seven series won and one lost. When these two past masters hook up in a set it will be worth going miles to see.

Manager Bisselle, of the Capitol Hill alleys, has a two-man "pot" tournament running that is keeping the southeast boys busy at the little pins. In this kind of a tournament a team pays an entrance fee of 20 cents, 15 a man, and they roll three games for total pins. In this manner a man may take as many chances as he can find partners, but must come across with the entrance fee for every set shot. That this kind of a "pot" is popular was demonstrated last month, when Manager Bisselle pulled off on the same line, and \$150 was split among the first four teams, on a basis of 40, 30, 20, and 10 per cent.

There is some talk of a trades union league being organized in this city next year among those interested in the ten-pin game. Other cities, where the game has a hold, have a league in which the different unions are represented, and there is no reason why Washington should not fall in line. Another good league could be formed among the fraternal organizations. Among the bowlers who will find this, Masons, Eagles, Odd Fellows, K. of P.'s, and many others. All that is needed to put these two leagues in the field is the right kind of men behind the proposition.

DOWN THE ALLEYS.

DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Potomac. Nationals. 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 173rd, 174th, 175th, 176th, 177th, 178th, 179th, 180th, 181st, 182nd, 183rd, 184th, 185th, 186th, 187th, 188th, 189th, 190th, 191st, 192nd, 193rd, 194th, 195th, 196th, 197th, 198th, 199th, 200th, 201st, 202nd, 203rd, 204th, 205th, 206th, 207th, 208th, 209th, 210th, 211st, 212th, 213th, 214th, 215th, 216th, 217th, 218th, 219th, 220th, 221st, 222nd, 223rd, 224th, 225th, 226th, 227th, 228th, 229th, 230th, 231st, 232nd, 233rd, 234th, 235th, 236th, 237th, 238th, 239th, 240th, 241st, 242nd, 243rd, 244th, 245th, 246th, 247th, 248th, 249th, 250th, 251st, 252nd, 253rd, 254th, 255th, 256th, 257th, 258th, 259th, 260th, 261st, 262nd, 263rd, 264th, 265th, 266th, 267th, 268th, 269th, 270th, 271st, 272nd, 273rd, 274th, 275th, 276th, 277th, 278th, 279th, 280th, 281st, 282nd, 283rd, 284th, 285th, 286th, 287th, 288th, 289th, 290th, 291st, 292nd, 293rd, 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th, 298th, 299th, 300th, 301st, 302nd, 303rd, 304th, 305th, 306th, 307th, 308th, 309th, 310th, 311st, 312th, 313th, 314th, 315th, 316th, 317th, 318th, 319th, 320th, 321st, 322nd, 323rd, 324th, 325th, 326th, 327th, 328th, 329th, 330th, 331st, 332nd, 333rd, 334th, 335th, 336th, 337th, 338th, 339th, 340th, 341st, 342nd, 343rd, 344th, 345th, 346th, 347th, 348th, 349th, 350th, 351st, 352nd, 353rd, 354th, 355th, 356th, 357th, 358th, 359th, 360th, 361st, 362nd, 363rd, 364th, 365th, 366th, 367th, 368th, 369th, 370th, 371st, 372nd, 373rd, 374th, 375th, 376th, 377th, 378th, 379th, 380th, 381st, 382nd, 383rd, 384th, 385th, 386th, 387th, 388th, 389th, 390th, 391st, 392nd, 393rd, 394th, 395th, 396th, 397th, 398th, 399th, 400th, 401st, 402nd, 403rd, 404th, 405th, 406th, 407th, 408th, 409th, 410th, 411st, 412th, 413th, 414th, 415th, 416th, 417th, 418th, 419th, 420th, 421st, 422nd, 423rd, 424th, 425th, 426th, 427th, 428th, 429th, 430th, 431st, 432nd, 433rd, 434th, 435th, 436th, 437th, 438th, 439th, 440th, 441st, 442nd, 443rd, 444th, 445th, 446th, 447th, 448th, 449th, 450th, 451st, 452nd, 453rd, 454th, 455th, 456th, 457th, 458th, 459th, 460th, 461st, 462nd, 463rd, 464th, 465th, 466th, 467th, 468th, 469th, 470th, 471st, 472nd, 473rd, 474th, 475th, 476th, 477th, 478th, 479th, 480th, 481st, 482nd, 483rd, 484th, 485th, 486th, 487th, 488th, 489th, 490th, 491st, 492nd, 493rd, 494th, 495th, 496th, 497th, 498th, 499th, 500th, 501st, 502nd, 503rd, 504th, 505th, 506th, 507th, 508th, 509th, 510th, 511st, 512th, 513th, 514th, 515th, 516th, 517th, 518th, 519th, 520th, 521st, 522nd, 523rd, 524th, 525th, 526th, 527th, 528th, 529th, 530th, 531st, 532nd, 533rd, 534th, 535th, 536th, 537th, 538th, 539th, 540th, 541st, 542nd, 543rd, 544th, 545th, 546th, 547th, 548th, 549th, 550th, 551st, 552nd, 553rd, 554th, 555th, 556th, 557th, 558th, 559th, 560th, 561st, 562nd, 563rd, 564th, 565th, 566th, 567th, 568th, 569th, 570th, 571st, 572nd, 573rd, 574th, 575th, 576th, 577th, 578th, 579th, 580th, 581st, 582nd, 583rd, 584th, 585th, 586th, 587th, 588th, 589th, 590th, 591st, 592nd, 593rd, 594th, 595th, 596th, 597th, 598th, 599th, 600th, 601st, 602nd, 603rd, 604th, 605th, 606th, 607th, 608th, 609th, 610th, 611st, 612th, 613th, 614th, 615th, 616th, 617th, 618th, 619th, 620th, 621st, 622nd, 623rd, 624th, 625th, 626th, 627th, 628th, 629th, 630th, 631st, 632nd, 633rd, 634th, 635th, 636th, 637th, 638th, 639th, 640th, 641st, 642nd, 643rd, 644th, 645th, 646th, 647th, 648th, 649th, 650th, 651st, 652nd, 653rd, 654th, 655th, 656th, 657th, 658th, 659th, 660th, 661st, 662nd, 663rd, 664th, 665th, 666th, 667th, 668th, 669th, 670th, 671st, 672nd, 673rd, 674th, 675th, 676th, 677th, 678th, 679th, 680th, 681st, 682nd, 683rd, 684th, 685th, 686th, 687th, 688th, 689th, 690th, 691st, 692nd, 693rd, 694th, 695th, 696th, 697th, 698th, 699th, 700th, 701st, 702nd, 703rd, 704th, 705th, 706th, 707th, 708th, 709th, 710th, 711st, 712th, 713th, 714th, 715th, 716th, 717th, 718th, 719th, 720th, 721st, 722nd